

SENATE BILL 984

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By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Tween/Teen Dating Violence**
3 **(Kristin Marie Mitchell Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt in the public
5 schools a program to educate students about dating violence on or before a
6 certain date; requiring the program to include education on services provided to
7 victims of dating violence; requiring the program to be started in each public
8 school before a certain grade; altering the definition of “victim of domestic
9 violence” for purposes of certain provisions of law to include a certain person;
10 requiring the Governor to proclaim the first week in February each year
11 “Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness Week”; and generally
12 relating to dating violence.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 7–411.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 7–411.2
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Family Law
25 Section 4–513
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 13–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Commemorative
4 Weeks”
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2009 Replacement Volume)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article – Education**

10 7–411.1.

11 The State Board shall encourage the county boards to incorporate
12 age-appropriate lessons on dating violence into the county boards’ health education
13 curriculum.

14 **7–411.2.**

15 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT**
16 **A PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT DATING**
17 **VIOLENCE.**

18 **(B) A PROGRAM ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
19 **SHALL INCLUDE EDUCATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF DATING**
20 **VIOLENCE.**

21 **(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE STARTED IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL**
22 **BEFORE THE SIXTH GRADE.**

23 **Article – Family Law**

24 4–513.

25 In this Part III and in Part IV of this subtitle, “victim of domestic violence”
26 means an individual who has received deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical
27 injury, or is in fear of imminent deliberate, severe, and demonstrable physical injury
28 from a current or former spouse, or a current or former cohabitant, as defined in §
29 4–501 of this subtitle, **OR A PERSON WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL HAS OR HAS**
30 **HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP.**

31 **Article – State Government**

32 **SUBTITLE 6. COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS.**

1 **13-601.**

2 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY EACH**
3 **YEAR AS TWEEN/TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS WEEK.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2010.